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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PEXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

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| clean version of<br>new/replacement  | iii. Mendment/Reply (4 pages w/ achments including: substitute specification (23 pages), and were sion of specification (22 pages), and were placement drawings (10 sheets including Figs. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11)  iii. Other: Request for Correction of Inventorship (2 pages w/ attachments including: 1) a Declaration In Support of the Request for Correction of Inventorship by Robert Buchanan (1 page); 2) a Declaration In Support of the Request for Correction of Inventorship by Richard A. Yarussi (1 page); 3) a Supplemental Declaration for Patent Application (executed in parts - 9 pages total); 4) a Consent of Assignee and Assignee Statement under 37 CFR §1.73(b) (1 page) with attached Assignment from Robert Buchanan and Richard A. Yarussi (2 pages); and 6) the requisite processing fee as described below. |  |                            |           |            |  |  |
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